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Re: DOJ-2019-003097
DRH:VAV:ERH

Dear Jason Leopold:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on March 21, 2019, in which you requested a copy of a report submitted to the Department by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III.

You have asked for expedited processing of your request. Please be advised that we are currently processing other requests seeking records similar to those you have requested, which have already been granted expedited processing. As such, your request will also be processed on an expedited basis.

Although your request is being processed on an expedited basis, to the extent that your request requires a search in another Office, consultations with other Department components or another agency, and/or involves a voluminous amount of material, your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). Accordingly, we will need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. For your information, we use multiple tracks to process requests, but within those tracks we work in an agile manner, and the time needed to complete our work on your request will necessarily depend on a variety of factors, including the complexity of our records search, the volume and complexity of any material located, and the order of receipt of your request. At this time we have assigned your request to the complex track. In an effort to speed up our process, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records so that it can be placed in a different processing track. You can also agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located, or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options. Any decision with regard to the application of fees will be made only after we determine whether fees will be implicated for this request.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handing your request, Eric Hotchkiss, by telephone at the above number or you may write to him at the above address. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United

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States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642; or facsimile at 202-514-1009.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Hibbard", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Douglas R. Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff